

Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Entrance Requirements

Successful applicants will demonstrate academic readiness for the OTA program through the <u>TEAS Exam</u> OR through <u>Multiple Measures</u> as defined below.

Academic Readiness

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)	Multiple Measures
Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher (high school or college)	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (high school or college)
AND	AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
Minimum TEAS Scores of: • Composite - 61 • Reading - 71 • Math - 65 • Science - 51 • English - 63 The TEAS may be taken a total of three (3) times—original test	 A Grade of B or Better in these Core Classes: BIO 213 – Anatomy & Physiology I ENG 101 – College Composition MAT 111 – Quantitative Reasoning OR Completion of the Health Science Certificate with a GPA of 3.0
plus two (2) re-takes. Each re-take includes all subtest scores and attempts must be a 45-days apart	or higher. OR For High School Seniors - a grade of B or higher in Junior & Senior English, Algebra 1, Geometry, and an Anatomy & Physiology course (minimum College Prep or AP Level).

Post Acceptance

Summer Course

Upon Acceptance into OTA program students will be enrolled in a non-credit, online course for the summer preceding their first semester in the program. This course will require students to complete a Job Shadow, and essay based on their shadow.

OTA Program Orientation

Accepted students are required to attend (either in person or virtually) an accepted student event scheduled in June. You will be notified of the date by the Department Chair

Technology Requirements

All students are required to have their own laptop computers or similar device with the capability to access Brightspace or similar online learning resources. Students must also have access to high-speed internet service.

For information regarding the admission process, general information about the program, or a campus tour, contact:

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Notice to Applicant

Criminal Background Checks

Applicants to certain programs need to note that a criminal background check will likely be required while enrolled in the program or as a condition of employment in the field. Certain internship and/or practicum sites, such as health care facilities, may limit or deny clinical privileges to those students who have a prior or current criminal record.

- Should a clinical facility refuse to permit a student to complete a clinical rotation based upon the student's criminal background check, the student may not be able to complete the program. In the event a student is denied placement at a clinical site the college will likely be required to enter an academic dismissal from the program.
- Additionally, certain licensing and credentialing boards may refuse to issue a license to practice based upon prior or current criminal offense (s). To learn more about whether the program or profession in which you are interested has such requirements or limitations, contact the appropriate Department Chair.

Infectious Diseases

Applicants who consider a career in Nursing or the Allied Health professions should be aware that during their education and subsequent employment, they will be working in situations where exposure to infectious diseases is probable. This is an occupational risk for all health care workers. Persons should not become health care workers unless they recognize and accept this risk. Proper education and strict adherence to well-established infection control guidelines, however, can reduce the risk to a minimum. Thorough education in infection control procedures is an integral part of each health care program.

Exposure to Latex

Additionally, applicants should be aware that exposure to natural rubber latex (NRL) is likely. Individuals exposed to NRL products may develop allergic reactions such as skin rashes; hives; nasal, eyes, or sinus symptoms; and, rarely, shock.

Costs

Costs associated with required immunizations, criminal background checks, finger printing (when applicable) and admission testing are the responsibility of the applicant.

Clinical/Fieldwork Placement

Students may be scheduled for day, evening and night clinical/fieldwork experiences in some programs. It is expected that the student is able to make the necessary arrangements in order to complete all scheduled times. Placement is State-wide. The student is responsible for all travel and/or living related to the clinical or fieldwork experience.

KVCC is an equal opportunity affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, contact the Dean of Students at (207) 453-5019.

Accreditation

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